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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/352,949
	Filing Date	July 14, 1999
	First Named Inventor	Kazuyuki MURATA, et al.
	Group Art Unit	2624
	Examiner Name	TRAN, Douglas Q.
	Attorney/Agent Number	50023-107

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on **RECEIVED**
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on **FEB 13 2004**

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Remarks Submitted with RCE

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1.03(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$770.00

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

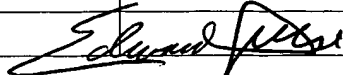
iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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